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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1681

DATE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2001

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Cell phone data in motor vehicle accident reports.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires drivers and law enforcement officers reporting motor vehicle accidents to the State Police Department to include information concerning the use of cellular or other wireless telephones at the time the accident occurred.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The State Police Department (State Police) could incur minimal administrative expenses regarding the provisions of this bill. The State Police would be required to process additional information concerning traffic accident reports. The specific costs are currently indeterminable, and could likely be absorbed within existing budgetary expenses.

Under current Indiana law, citizens involved in automobile accidents that result in the injury or death of a person, or in more than \$750 worth of damage, are required to submit a written accident report to the State Police within 10 days of the accident. Also under current Indiana law, local law enforcement agencies are required to submit a written report of each accident investigated to the State Police.

In accordance with the provisions of this bill, individuals and local law enforcement agencies reporting vehicle accidents to the State Police would be required to include information concerning the use of cellular or other wireless telephones at the time of the accident.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Law enforcement agencies could experience an increase in administrative expenses regarding the creation of new accident report formats. However, it is likely that the additional information required by this bill could be included in existing report formats. The specific effects would vary between law enforcement agencies and would depend upon local action.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Police.

Local Agencies Affected: Law Enforcement Agencies.

Information Sources: